

# Accessibility and Accessibility Statements for Open Educational Resources

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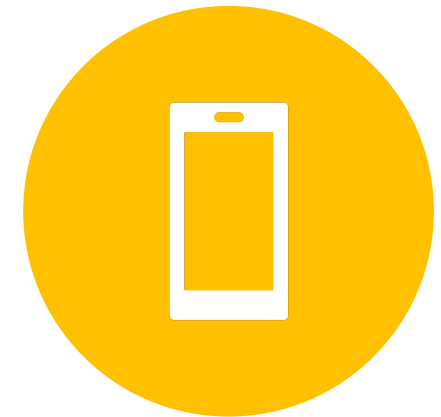
# Lessons Learned from the Pandemic



**ACCESSIBLE?**



**REPOSITORIES**



**DIGITAL DIVIDE**

# Types of Content?

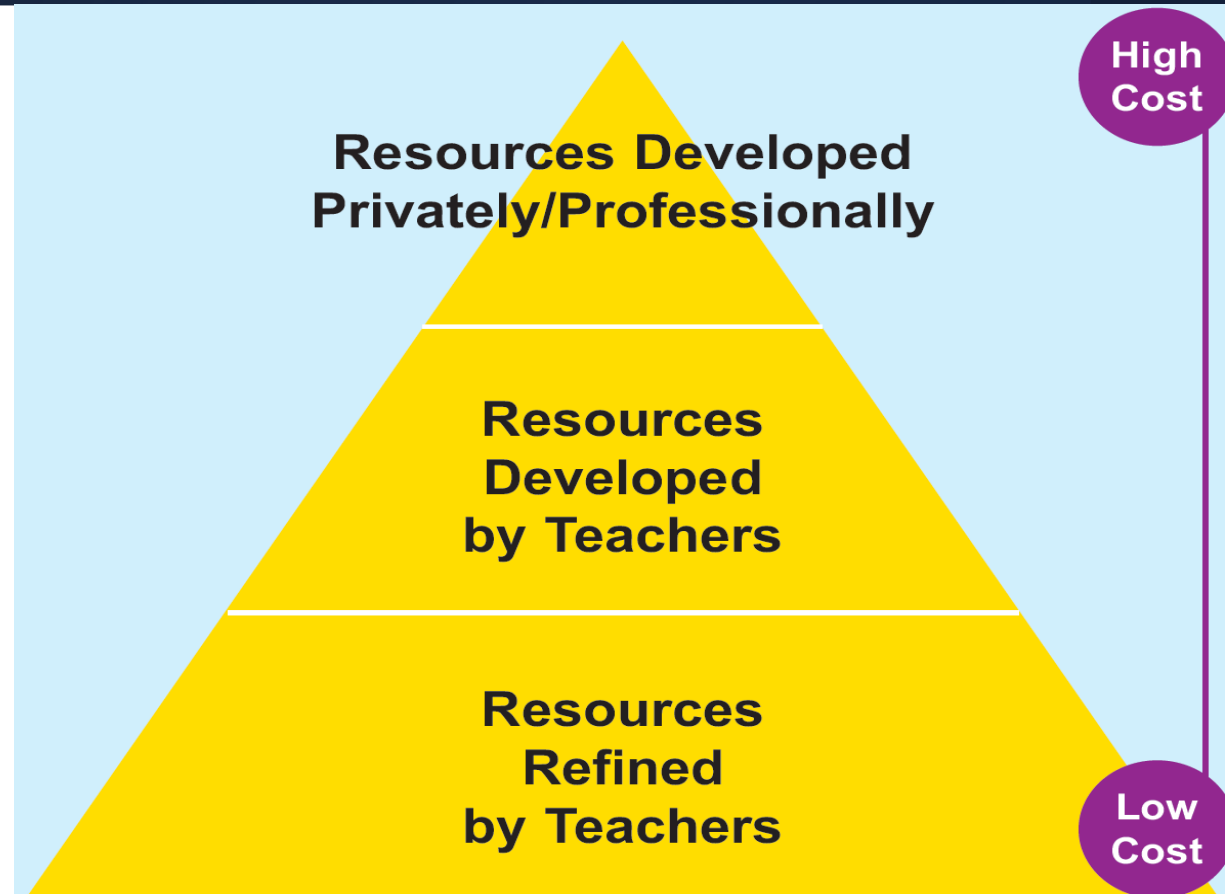


Figure 1: Content Producing Cultures

# Policy is Critical

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Open Education must be realistically supported and promoted.

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What does this support look like?

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Nationally and locally?

# Challenges

How?

Cost

Misunderstanding

# Open Educational Resources and Accessible Digital Resources

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Understanding the impact of technology in education on student progression and learning outcomes.

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At both international and national levels Open Education contributes directly to key system objectives by improving the quality of the learning environment.

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Open Education can also support international and national priority around student progression.

# Recommendations?

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Accessibility and Open must be supported by governments in a more visible manner.

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Accessibility and Open must be promoted at the stage of Initial Teacher Education.

# Incentives

Awareness

Competitions

Inclusivity



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